

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to E. L. Laur, March 18, 1914

1914, March 18. Mr. E. L. Laur, 324 Rusholme Road, Toronto. Canada. Dear Sir,

I am very much interested in your note of March 9 for I think you have the correct principle for making a successful helicopter, viz:- applying the power to the rim instead of the axis.

Although the principle is not entirely new, (as I have myself elaborated ideas upon that principle) I know of no actual experiments to utilize the principle, and would therefore encourage you to go ahead and develop your machine experimentally.

I only take a general scientific interest in such matters, and cannot become financially interested in this or any other flying machine plans, but I want you to know that I think you are working in the right direction, and that there is great promise of success in making a helicopter in which the power is applied to the outside rim, instead of the axis.

Yours sincerely,